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Sales of the "Revised Standard Version" of the New Testament, published in 1946, are now approaching the two-million mark, according to a statement by Dean Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the American Standard Bible Committee.

The American Bible Society has become the owner of one of the most important translations of the Bible ever published — the first edition of Dr. Martin Luther's German Bible, printed in 1534 by Hans Lufft in Wittenberg, Germany.

Seventeen of the war-damaged Evangelical churches in Berlin, Germany, have been repaired during the past year, according to a report made by General Superintendent Gerhard Jacobi to a meeting of church representatives of the city.

Reports from Rome, Italy, indicate that the Vatican will have an official observer at the meeting of the World Council of Churches in August at Amsterdam, Holland, in addition to a few priests who have received special permission to listen in on the proceedings.

Concordia Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif., the Rev. Henry Elfman, pastor, adopted a resolution to remunerate its delegate to the District convention at the rate of ten dollars per day, since it was necessary for him to take time from his regular employment in order to attend sessions.

The Alpha Phi Chapter of Gamma Delta at Rolla, Mo., has leased the old Colonial Hotel to provide room and board for forty of its members. The building will be taken over by the Chapter in September and will be occupied partly by old members and partly by freshmen.

The Oklahoma District at its convention in May adopted a resolution to place a copy of Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel's book *Communism and the Church* into every public, branch, and college library in the State. The volume is now available to readers in eighty-five public libraries, seven branch libraries, and thirty college and special libraries in the State.

The First Annual General Radio Conference, sponsored by the Synodical Radio Committee, is being scheduled for October or November of this year. Details will be announced later.

The Rev. William Dallmann, D. D., who attended the sessions of the English District Convention at River Forest, Ill., in June, is the only living member who was present at the organization of the English Synod of Missouri and Other States in 1889 at Bethlehem Church, St. Louis, Mo. This synod in 1911 became the English District of our Missouri Synod.

When Mr. Gustav L. Maschoff recently retired after teaching fifty years in Christian day schools of our Synod, the last twenty-five of them at Markus Lutheran School, St. Louis, Mo., the congregation took note of the event in a special service on June 13. As a special token of appreciation, Markus Church, through its pastor, the Rev. Neal L. Ostruske, presented the jubilarian with a check for one thousand dollars. After graduation from Concordia Teachers College, Addison, Ill., Mr. Maschoff began his teaching career at St. Paul's School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Ten billion dollars will be spent in the United States by the Roman Catholic Church within the next ten years on its building program, according to a survey made in connection with the National Building Convention and Exposition held June 30 to July 3 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. According to the *Chicago Herald-American,* which brings this report, most of the sum will be spent on hospitals and high schools. Among the larger projects are twelve million dollars for Loyola University and six million dollars for Mercy Hospital, both in Chicago.

The Rev. N. E. Reinke, pasto St. John's Lutheran Church, La Ind., on June 4 confirmed a clas twenty-one adults. In January of year the church received thirty-one a into membership. Since October, when Pastor Reinke assumed the past at La Porte, the congregation has rec 504 adults into membership through tism and confirmation.

Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel in N eastern Indiana observed its tenth ann sary in two services on July 4. A 2,000 people were in attendance. The a noon service was dedicated to the anniversary of Dr. W. G. Polack preacher at the Chapel. The speaker the occasion were Dr. O. P. Kretzm president of Valparaiso University; Charles Dickmeyer, president of Va raiso University Association; and W. Boehne, Jr., a member of the syno Board of Directors. At the opening o afternoon service a beautiful outdoor was dedicated. This altar, built of n stone, was erected by Mr. Tonne of Wayne in memory of his father.

Mrs. Mary Adams Calvert in her disposing of an estate valued at upw of a quarter of a million dollars, queathed to St. Matthew's Ev. Luth Church, the Rev. C. F. Kellermann, pa her property known as "Quinta Mar on Biscayne Bay, with frontage in Coc Grove, a suburb of Miami, Fla. prising some seven and a half acres, a spacious residence, the property been conservatively appraised at thousand dollars. Mrs. Calvert wa member of St. Matthew's for only a two years and was instructed and bap by Pastor Kellerman. G. V.

An Adult Bible Class in the Deep South

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cullman, Ala., nine months ago organized a Bible class. In course of a few months the attendance figure has now reached the hundred mark an still growing. The congregation of five hundred communicants has adopted as its slo "Every Member of St. Paul's a Bible Student." Each Sunday twenty names are taken the list of communicants and those not present at the class are visited by volunteers among those who were in attendance. The church, whose pastor is the Rev. Arthur E. (first on left, front row), broadcasts its entire Sunday morning service over the local station at an annual cost of approximately one thousand dollars

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Editorial

e Time of Thy Visitation"

This is the day of grace in which the Christian lives. a great day, a glorious one, but it dare never become of security, carnal security. That seems to be one of houghts running through the Propers for next Sunday, Tenth after Trinity. Jerusalem's destruction is fore- in the Gospel. Jerusalem, the chosen, highly graced which knew not the time of her visitation, was there- doomed. In the Epistle the Corinthians are cautioned erning the spiritual gifts with which they had been wed. Their abuse would bring evil results. For spir- gifts are given to the Christians for one purpose only: profit withal," for the common good.

There is no one among us to whom these warnings do apply. The Evil One tries to lull us into a sense of rity and thus put us off our guard; or he seeks to us become indifferent to the obligations of our steward-

So we need, as in the Collect, to pray for a large sure of grace and, as in the Introit, to cast our burden he Lord, who alone can sustain us:

As for me, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my : He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them, even He that abideth of Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not Thyself from upplication.

W. G. P.

uth — Precious Youth

A very large part of the work of our Church is devoted he interests of children and youth. That is just as it ld be, for Jesus told His disciples: "Take heed that despise not one of these little ones," Matt. 18:20. This ning of Jesus and also the words of Paul to a young ster: "Let no man despise thy youth," show that empt for children and youth is a common but dan- us fault. We have an example of such contempt in older brothers of David. When at one time the boy id carried victuals from home to his older brothers, were serving in Saul's army, he found occasion to uss with some men the dangerous situation of Israel. of his older brothers noticed this and addressed these emptuous and foolish words to David: "Why camest down hither? and with whom hast thou left those sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride and the ghtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that mightest see the battle," 1 Sam. 17:28.

Even those parents who love their children despise at s their capacities and, worse still, disregard their sins faults. Such contempt for youth is both foolish and ul. Let us therefore be thankful that through its schools, Sunday schools, young people's societies, Walther League, and its periodicals and books our Synod gives attention to youth. In doing this we are following both the Bible and Luther. Anyone who knows anything of Luther's writings, especially his explanation of the catechetical truths, knows how earnestly he admonishes parents and older Christians to do their duties towards children and youth. It would be well if every parent would read again and again Luther's explanation of the Fourth Commandment as we find it in his Large Catechism.

S.

Change in Name, But Not in Doctrine and Practice

As our Synod entered upon the second century of its existence, it changed its name after all requirements for such change had been met. The official name of our church body is no longer The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, but The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. After all, as far as general usage is concerned, our church body will henceforth still be referred to simply as The Missouri Synod. Those who know, and others need to be told, are aware of the fact that the work of our Synod is not confined to the State of Missouri, but that our Synod is represented in every State of the Union, including the Territories of Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands, and in Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, the Canal Zone, the West Indies, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, China, India, Nigeria in Africa, and London.

Whatever the reason for the change of name has been, the reason has not been that in this second century our Synod is minded to change its doctrine and practice. By His grace, God has preserved to our seminaries and the preparatory schools, to our teachers' colleges and to our churches, and whatever other institutions we have, His Word in its truth and purity. By the grace of God we are minded to prove ourselves a thankful people by continuing to teach and to preach the same old truths which God has revealed to us in His Word and of which our Lutheran Confessions are a true exhibition. The Christian religion, being a divinely revealed religion, cannot undergo any change. Says the Savior: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," Matt. 24:35. Says Peter: "The Word of the Lord endureth forever, and this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you," 1 Pet. 1:25. That Christ's Word will remain unchanged until Judgment Day we also learn from the Savior's words: "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the Last Day," John 12:48. Man can reject the truth, but the truth itself remains unchanged. The Bible is not a book like the textbooks used in our schools, which in the course of years must be changed because errors have been found in them; or, because of progress made, they are no longer up to date.

Man, either in his unregenerate or regenerate condition, does not essentially change in the course of time, and therefore he needs the same Law to convict him of his sins and declare unto him the will of God, and also the same Gospel and the same Sacraments to assure him of God's gracious forgiveness by faith in Christ, the only Savior.

When we speak of practice, we mean the application of divine truths to the daily life of the Christian. Justification must be followed by sanctification. "Faith worketh by love." The Christian must give evidence of his faith by seeking to live a life that is in accordance with God's will. When the Lord, for instance, says: "Continue in My Word," a Christian dare not say: "But after all it is not necessary to accept every word of Scripture, it will suffice that the Christian be a sincere believer in Christ." When the Lord forbids lying and stealing and coveting, the Christian dare not say, that, doing business in this modern world, it is impossible to observe all such injunctions. When the Lord says that fornication is the only cause for which the innocent party may procure a divorce, the Christian may not say that under modern conditions we must take a more lenient attitude. What is right or wrong should always be judged in accordance with the clear Word of Scripture.

While the doctrine, given by God's own revelation, is perfect, our practice, calling for performance on our part to do God's will, is imperfect. But such imperfection is not due to the failure of knowing God's will (for that has been revealed to us in Scripture), but rather due to our sinful nature. And here we might well speak of a change that should take place: A greater and more sincere loyalty to the Word of God and a larger degree of sanctification.

J. H. C. F.

To What Is Your Ear Attuned?

Ours is a noisy age. The hum of industry, the drone of motors, the screaming sirens, the impudent telephone bells, the blare of radios, the screeching of brakes, the clang and clatter of streetcars — all add to the din that daily beats upon our ears.

Yet amid all such noises we are apt to hear sounds that escape others whose ears are not attuned to them. A man walking down Fifth Avenue in New York City with a friend stopped suddenly and said: "I hear a cricket!" Amid all the noises of that busy thoroughfare he heard a sound to which his ear had been attuned since boyhood. We recall the story of the American Indian walking down Broadway in the same city. When someone dropped a dime on the sidewalk, every New Yorker in the vicinity heard it and turned in the direction of the metallic ring of the coin; the Indian, however, walked on, deaf to the sound. That same Indian walking across the Arizona mesa would hear the sound of a rabbit under a sagebush, while a New Yorker walking at his side would not be aware of it.

Whatever sound our ears may be attuned to, they ought to be especially receptive to the voice of God in His Holy Word. That is what the Savior referred to when He said, Mark 4:24: "Take heed what ye hear!" W. G. P.

Roman Intolerance

In the issue of July 13, page 220, of the LUTHERAN WITNESS our esteemed colleague Dr. Schick has called attention to and had reprinted an explicit statement of a Roman Catholic authority concerning "the condition of the Protestants in Spain." There the Romanist who speaks with authority declares that wherever his Church has the power it will prevent the spreading of any doctrine co trary to the dogma or teachings of his Church. The Romanists have not only been tolerated by the Protesta majority of America, but many Protestants have ev helped and assisted them, and yet we know from author tative statements of that Church that as soon as it ga the power it will follow the course of intolerance to who oppose it.

This matter is of such importance as to justify us call attention again to that item to which we refer above. We recommend, therefore, that this entire editor be clipped and preserved to be used at the proper mome to be shown to those who claim that we are misinform concerning the attitude of these Romanists. We know fu well that there are many Catholics who are good citize and share with Protestants the love of liberty and freedo of speech, but they also should know and become convinc of the intolerance of their Church. This extract from Fath F. Cavalli's article will help to enlighten them and will r fute those who criticize us for opposing Romanism. S.

Perversion of Scripture

It is the business of the Church to call attention to t adulterations and perversions of God's Word. Here is o by the Knights of Columbus, published in a St. Louis new paper. It is headed: "And Jesus Helped Them at H Mother's Request." The first paragraph reads: "It was the wedding feast in Cana, and Mary was there with Jesu And she said to Him . . . 'They have no wine.' And Jesu told them . . . 'Fill up the water pots with water.'" No read this story in the Bible, John 2. There we read th Jesus told His mother: "Woman, what have I to do wi thee? Mine hour is not yet come." By omitting the words, a wrong impression is conveyed. That is exactly t wrong impression which they wish to make, namely, th Jesus acted upon the request of Mary, whereas we are to in the Scriptures that in His official work Jesus allowed one, neither Peter nor Mary, nor anyone else, to dictate Him or direct His course. Jesus needed no correction fro Mary, but upon more than one occasion Mary had to corrected by Jesus. When at one time His mother call for Him while He was preaching and some reminded Hi that His mother was seeking for Him, He answered ther "Who is My mother or My brethren? And He looked rou about on them which sat about Him, and said: Behold M mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the w of God, the same is My brother and My sister and mothe Mark 3:33-35.

Indeed, when that Gentile centurion of Capernaum h said to the Lord Jesus: "Speak the word only, and m servant shall be healed," Jesus declared that this man faith was greater than the faith of His mother, for Jesus e pressly declared: "Verily, I say unto you, I have not fou so great faith, no, not in Israel."

It is our duty to call attention to these perversion If time and space permitted, we could fill this paper wi such Roman perversions of Scripture. As for honori Mary, the mother of our Lord, faithful Lutherans respe her words: "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." In di obeying these words of Mary every Romanist shows di respect to the blessed Virgin Mary, for they do not do wh Jesus tells them. Just to mention one case of many, Jes said to those who partake of the Eucharist: "Drink ye of it," but that is exactly what they do not do. S.

ow Does God Deal with Man?

ARTIN S. SOMMER

od deals with man in a number ays. When we behold a sinner ished for his sin, when we notice a transgressor of God's Comdments brings ruin upon himself, see God dealing out punishments ose who rebel against His author- We may see that in Pharaoh, who ecuted the people of God. We see it in Saul, who flagrantly disyed God's command. And even y the press reports to us again again how men bring upon themes God's wrath, suffering, distress, often an untimely death by their bedience of God's holy will.

God also deals with Christians by stising them. At times He sends n humiliating distress, since He s that our pride requires curbing. the history of nations we behold God dealt with an entire people. the Jews we read that God had not lt thus with any other people. Of the nations of the earth the Scripe tells us that God "hath made of blood all nations of men for to ell on all the face of the earth, and h determined the times before apnted, and the bounds of their habion" (Acts 17:26). The Bible tells that the special blessings which d bestows upon us in health and in er good fortune is sent us to lead to repentance. It is to awaken in the recognition of God's goodness om. 2:4). God also deals with us ough the voice of conscience. We that in the case of the wicked thers of Joseph (Gen. 42:21-22).

However, there is a peculiar, enly different way by which God ls with us sinners, namely, His way speaking to us through His Word. left to himself without this Word, n is unable to interpret correctly her the blessings of God or His nishments and chastisements. We ve an example of such misinterpreion recorded in the Gospel of St. hn. There, in the ninth chapter, we e told that when Jesus with His sciples passed a blind man, His disles asked Him saying: "Master, who d sin, this man or his parents, that was born blind?" These disciples agined that every so-called misfore is produced by some specific sin. sus corrected them and told them at this blindness was not caused by y specific sin either of the man or his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. Remember, there is constant danger of misunderstanding God's dealing with us, and this misunderstanding is very, very dangerous. If we are to see clearly God's intention and His attitude toward us, if we are to walk safely in the midst of varied experiences, we must give earnest attention to that peculiar and specific way which God has of enlightening us, leading us, and blessing us, namely, His Word. Through His Word God pours a wonderful, clear light upon our entire life, our origin and our destiny, our sorrows and our blessings. Therefore the Psalmist answers the question: How shall a young man walk safely, how shall he avoid pitfalls in this dangerous world? He tells the young man this: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word" (Ps. 119:9). And in the same Psalm he tells everyone that God's Word is a Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our path (v. 105), and from his own experience he assures us: "The entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple" (v. 130).

Most important of all, God assures us in His Word that He wants us in heaven with Himself. The Lord would have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. True, He reveals to us the cause of all our suffering and trouble, namely, our sin, but He also gives us that wonderful message, the glad tidings of great joy, that the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. He reveals to us the loving heart of God by saying: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It is because through this Word God shows us and bestows upon us His love, mercy, pardon, and grace — it is because of this that we call the Word of God *the means of grace,* for by means of this Word God's favor, mercy, and love come to us and bless us. Also through the Word in Baptism and in the Holy Eucharist God deals with us lovingly and mercifully.

Do you wish for God's help and blessing? Then go to the Word as it is offered in the Bible. There God will speak to you, not only to instruct you, but also to enrich you with power and ability. His Word is the means through which your heavenly Father wishes to bestow upon you His favor, His grace, and His help. In His Word and through His Word God's best gifts come to us. It is for you to obtain your share of all the gifts which God distributes through these means, His Word, His Sacraments, in short, His *means of grace.*

The Miracles of Jesus

By ERWIN KURTH, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Bible is unequivocal in its statement that Jesus of Nazareth was a man approved of God by miracles and wonders and signs. He performed works which could not be accounted for on the basis of the usual secondary causes.

Granted that He is the Son of God and God the Son, none of us would dare to question whether He had the power to perform directly and immediately what He annually performs indirectly and mediately. At Cana, for instance, He turned water into wine; in the wilderness He fed the five thousand with a few loaves. Impossible? Every harvest season the same Cause produces the same results: wine and wheat, with this difference: *then* He did it directly and immediately, *now* He does it indirectly and mediately: through sunshine, rain, and soil.

A dead, mechanical view of the universe insists there can be no deviation from the reign of law. If, however, we believe that behind the laws there exists the divine Lawgiver, then the laws of nature are nothing else than God's will in operation. And, certainly, He has the prerogative to bring into play, whenever and wherever He chooses, the higher law of His own personality.

Do not we do something similar when we impinge our mind and will upon the forces of nature? We so redirect, regroup, and intertwine the laws of nature as to produce "miracles" of science. These "miracles" would never have been produced by the laws of nature, left to themselves. But the superimposition of mind and will produced something new, a "miracle."

Are not the miracles against the

laws of nature, and therefore unthinkable? Well, a boy throws a ball high into the air. Is the law of gravitation thereby violated? Or suspended? Not at all. The law is still operative. However, a new cause has been injected into the world of law, and the higher law of that boy's will takes precedence over the lower law of gravitation. Miracles are not against nature, but above nature. When the Lord Jesus performed a miracle, He did not violate a law of nature, but compelled a lower law temporarily to yield to the higher law of His will.

Imagine four circles, each one larger than the foregoing. In the smallest circle stands, let us say, a bushman. Tell him that water can become so hard that hundreds of men can stand on it. He won't believe it. He never observed this to be true. The circle, within which he could all this while observe and catalog the phenomena of nature, has been too circumscribed. In the second circle stand you and I. We know a lot more than does the bushman. But even so, when we hear the scientists tell of the wondrous workings of nature's laws in areas wholly unfamiliar to us, we stand aghast and say: "I can hardly believe it." Ay, the savants live and move and have their being in a circle ever so much larger than ours. And now, beyond the wise and the great of this earth, in a circle which encompasses the all, is God. Does He know more? Or is there no more to be known than what we have been able thus far to observe and catalog as to the workings of nature's laws?

To Jesus, His extraordinary performances were nothing more than "works." To us, indeed, they are "miracles, wonders, and signs"; that is, supernatural "powers" emanating from Christ as the Agent; "wonders" to awaken in us astonishment; "signs" or seals of attestation by God upon Him who wrought them. But to Jesus the "miracles" were no more than routine *works,* such as He performs every day: rotating the earth on its axis, sending the early and the latter rain, leading the stars like sheep upon their nocturnal pastures, in fine, upholding all things by the word of His power. He spoke of the "miracles" as naturally and unaffectedly as we speak of the ordinary powers we exert.

The Gospel records list thirty-three miracles which Jesus performed. "Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples," says John; but, for the purpose of his book, John was content to cite seven or eight, beginning with a wedding (Cana) and ending with a funeral (Lazarus). "These are written," he says, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, believing, ye might have life through His name," John 20:31.

Our holy faith is bound up in a Christ who Himself is a "miracle." The extraordinary is part and parcel of His being and work. His miracles are scarcely more than details in a life which from beginning to end was miraculous. *Never a man like unto Him:* the only sinless One ever born of woman, uniting in His person two natures, capable of propitiating the sins of the world, gaining the ascendancy over sin, death, and hell; governing the world in the now, ruling over His people by Word and Sacrament, dispensing to the faithful His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist.

If Christ means anything, He means everything. If we deem Him incapable of performing miracles, then perforce we must reduce the stature of the God-Man to that of a man, nay, less, to one who was either a deceiver or self-deceived, for He Himself did say: "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame w the lepers are cleansed, the deaf h the dead are raised up, and the p have the Gospel preached to the Matt. 11:4-5. If Jesus did not perfo the miracles He said He perform then no longer can we regard Him the Paragon of goodness, the Flo and Blossom of the race, the reali Ideal of humanity. Moreover, hav refused to believe in miracles, we m turn about and accept another mira namely, that the finest system of eth ever given to man stemmed from who Himself was dishonest; furthermore, that the disciples, also testified to the miracles, conspi "to cheat the world into piety, hone and benevolence!"

The ancients did not know of existence of the ninety-two eleme They spoke of four: earth, water, fire. Jesus performed miracles three of these: on *earth,* when He s on the ground, made clay of the spi and anointed the eyes of the blind m with the clay; on *water,* when bade the waves of the Sea of Gali to crawl at His feet like dogs; on when He commanded the winds to still. He never performed a mira on *fire.* He has reserved that for end of the world.

Dr. Behnken's Letters

I

Stuttgart, Germany, June 22, 1948

God brought me safely across the Atlantic. The flight was made in one of the Constellation planes. It was the "Flagship Holland." We left New York at 10:00 A.M. (E.S.T.) I had opportunity to attend a church service at President Rippe's church. His son then took me to La Guardia Field. The weather was most ideal when we left New York. Soon we were traveling along at a speed of 250—280 miles per hour and at an altitude of 11,000 feet. Before we reached Gander, Newfoundland, a cold driving rain had set in from the north. It was quite cold. The landing was made a little difficult. We had to go down "on the beam." We had made the distance of 1,096 miles in th hours and thirty-nine minutes. A about forty-five minutes on the gro we started out for Shannon, a distance 1,976 miles. We flew at an altitude 19,000 ft. Because there was a tail wi we covered the distance within 6 ho and 40 minutes. I got very little sle partly because I had worked quite stead and because it was daylight so very l and partly also because we had a v spoiled youngster on the plane squawked at the top of her voice wh ever her daddy attempted to sit do with her. The father walked the you ster again and again and tried to put to sleep, but without any real succ —From Shannon we flew over Irel and England and the North Sea to A

Faculty and Free Church Officers at Seminary Dedication, Ober-Ursel

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am, Holland. This part of the trip, at high altitude, was made in two one-half hours, a distance of 577 After one half hour in Amsterdam arted for Frankfurt a/M., a distance 3 miles. The pilot attempted to stay the clouds. However, about six of passengers became quite plane-sick, hen he went above the clouds again. rrived in Frankfurt, landing safely 5 A. M. (Standard Greenwich Time). lain Heuer and Dr. L. Meyer met me. should tell you that I saw the most ous sunset from above the clouds. t least two hours we saw the beau- colors along the "cloud horizon." er realized that such beauty and such were possible when you are traveling above the clouds. After we left non and again were above the clouds, aw the sunrise. Once more, though for such a length of time, we saw lerful hues of red. All in all, there only about two and one-half or hours when it was dark, and then totally dark. The bright moon, of e, was partly a reason for this. The lady next to me, a man in front e, and a lady across the aisle from became plane-sick. The Lord was cially good to me. I felt excellent all way and, of course, ate all three meals. meals were well prepared and tasted

could not help marveling at the d of travel. We flew the distance in teen hours and four minutes, and included the time used for warming the motors before each ascension. We had about thirteen and one-half hours of actual flying. It seems like a dream to me. I attended the service at President Rippe's church on Sunday morning, and by Monday morning at 9:05 o'clock I was in Frankfurt. At that, Greenwich time is ahead of New York by about five hours. Marvelous!

Upon arrival here we drove into Frankfurt. We had lunch at the Casino. Then we drove out to Ober-Ursel to see the seminary of the Free Church and the Breslau Synod. They dedicated it last Sunday. It surely is wonderful when compared with what I saw at Gross-Oesingen last year. I met some of the professors (Dr. Kiunke and Pastor Oesch). The director (Kirsten) was not at home just at the time. They now have twenty-eight theological students.

Last night I spent at Chaplain Heuer's home. I'll be there again tonight. During the evening we had a meeting at Dr. Gerstenmaier's home to put the finishing touches on the mechanics of the program for Bad Boll. — Tomorrow we start for Bad Boll. The opening service will be held tomorrow evening. Thursday morning the discussions begin. We are praying — and I know that you will join us — that God may graciously bless the testimony which He will permit us to give. With and under His gracious blessings the meeting will bear some fruits.

Until now I have not met any of our men except Dr. L. Meyer and Dr. F. E. Mayer. The others are at Munich and vicinity. Chaplain Gaertner has charge of them. He is the official representative of Chaplain Maddox, the chief chaplain of the European Theater. I am told that Chaplain Maddox plans to pay a visit to Bad Boll.

This evening we are all guests of Dr. and Mrs. Karl Arndt. The men will have returned from Munich by that time.

On my trip from St. Louis to New York I had the good fortune of traveling for some distance with Mr. Anton Horst, a son of Mr. H. W. Horst. We had a fine visit together.

iamond Jubilee of School r the Deaf

Sunday, June 13, 1948, was a day of t rejoicing at Detroit. The diamond ilee of the founding of the Lutheran itute for the Deaf was celebrated the beautiful grounds in perfect ther. Thousands of staunch sup- ters and friends of this outstand- school for the deaf had come, ng them many former pupils. The keynote of thanksgiving to God sounded by the speaker of the n afternoon service, the Rev. Dr. W. Behnken, President of Synod. traced God's hand in the history of school and in the life of its founder, sainted Rev. G. Speckhard, whom God 130 years ago led to be trained a teacher of the deaf in Germany, then to come to America and be, incidentally, teaching speech to two deaf girls of Frankenmuth, Mich., when the call came to him to establish an orphanage; how God meant this to be a deaf school which was to become the nursery of our widespread Deaf Mission.

He stressed the fact, not fully known and appreciated, that this institution

Jimmy, a Little Deaf Boy Sent to Us by the Orphans' Home at Addison

played an important part in the establishment of our synodical Deaf Mission. Two years before the Rev. A. Reinke began preaching to the deaf in Chicago by means of the sign language, consultations between him and Dir. H. D. Uhlig of the Institute took place regarding services for the deaf, and a formal resolution was passed by the board of the Institute early in 1894 to ask Rev. Reinke to preach to the deaf and, if he were unable to do so, to approach the Rev. Fr. Herzberger of Hammond, Ind., who later became the unforgettable city missionary of St. Louis, to serve the deaf. This letter to Rev. Reinke, with a letter that a deaf man, Ed. J. Pahl, had written to Dir. Uhlig, was sent Feb. 14, 1894, from Detroit, and eighteen days later, March 4, Rev. Reinke preached his first sermon in the sign language.

Dr. Behnken emphasized also how the Detroit school has indeed been the nursery of our Church for the deaf and

Buildings and Grounds of Our Institute for the Deaf

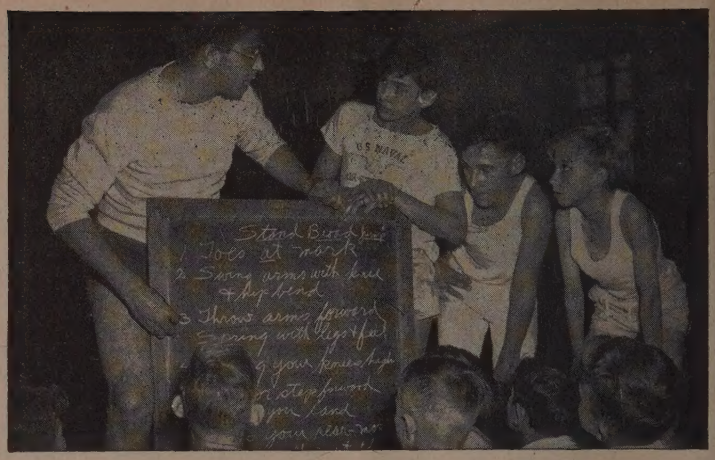
that the graduates of the Institute have been strong pillars of our deaf congregations throughout the land.

In the vesper service of the day a member of the Institute's board spoke, the Rev. L. G. Heinecke of Utica, Mich. Both services were beautified by impressive musical renditions by the Detroit Bach Choir and by a 1,000-voice children's chorus, both directed by Mr. Carl Munzel, and by the Detroit Lutheran Male Chorus, directed by Miss Vera Loeber. The services in the evening were interpreted to the deaf by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt, deaf missionary of Detroit, while Rev. N. P. Uhlig of Jacksonville, Ill., interpreted the afternoon sermon. Several hundred deaf attended, and among the former pupils was Mr. Theo. Holtz of Evansville, Ind., aged 81 years, who had not seen his alma mater since his confirmation, 68 years ago.

Many congratulatory messages were received from dignitaries of the Church and from public officials and prominent deaf educators of the country. Gifts running into the thousands were announced for the wing that is now being erected in order to be able to accept more pupils, since there is a very large waiting list.

Director J. A. Klein was honored upon the completion of forty years of distinguished service to the Institute. The president of the Institute's board of management, the Rev. H. R. Wacker, spoke warm words of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Klein and presented him with a fine Hamilton watch.

It was a busy day for the good ladies of the auxiliaries, whose lunches and refreshments were much wanted, and one wonders how far the farthest balloon traveled that was released in the colored cloud formed by the simultaneous release of several thousand balloons that symbolized the country-wide uplifting influence of this school for the deaf. N. P. U.



The Academic and Physical Needs of the Children Are Not Neglected
Here is a class in health education

Our Church in the Vanport Disast

By RICHARD AUMANN

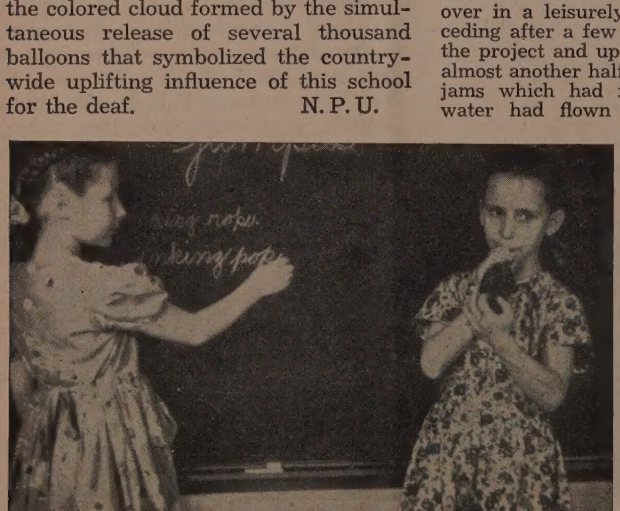
Sunday morning, May 30, we found mimeographed sheets under our doors at Vanport. They brought a bulletin on the river's condition and instructions for residents in the event of a flood. Apparently the housing authorities and engineers did not anticipate anything drastic, as the theme of their message was: "Take it easy." If the river did overflow, there would still be twenty-four hours in which to evacuate. Undoubtedly they were thinking literally of an overflow (which would mean only several feet of water in Vanport) and not of a break-through in the dike. A continuous sounding of sirens was to be the signal for evacuation. That came around five in the afternoon, but we made no great attempt to rush, remembering the instructions in the bulletin. My wife and I were about half an hour getting a few things together which would carry us and our little son over a few days' absence from home. We were thinking in terms of a foot or so of water trickling over in a leisurely manner and then receding after a few days. Driving through the project and up onto the highway took almost another half hour, due to the traffic jams which had formed. By that time water had flown in the length of the project in some spots, and those c shortly behind us had to wade out. dike had broken, and the Columbia up in waves as high as eight feet, a speed that gave occupants an hc the most — not a day — to evacuate

Once we had come away from the of the flood, it was impossible to to the area. No one knew how many trapped or drowning, and I had anxious moments for my people, cially those who might be needin during those first terrible hours.

Since circumstances caught us s prepared, virtually all of us came ou nothing more than what we were w or able to throw into our cars.

In all this tragedy, however, th much for which to be thankful — mc fact, than there is to complain about. this break-through come at the same of the morning instead of the afte I wonder how many would have es with their lives. I personally feel I would not be here today. And you compare pianos and dishes and with your own life and the lives of loved ones, the former make a rath significant showing. We thank Goc not one of our members was lost. about a week we had either located our church people personally, ch their safety with the Red Cross, or via the grapevine that they had sur

The evening following the flood all Portland pastors of our Synod m to unite their efforts in bringing rel their fellow Lutherans from Va A committee was appointed, and on day it went into action. Pastor Ed was appointed chairman and is do creditable job right to this mc Letters calling for money, food, and ing were sent to every Missouri Lutheran in Portland, and within days the gymnasium at Concordia emy was well stocked with many needed by our evacuees. Money wa distributed among our people acc to their needs. The brethren in this held a special collection for me an



Two Little Girls Are Learning to Use a Certain Language Form

The common word and language forms which hearing children acquire unconsciously and without effort must all be taught individually and with very much effort through the senses of sight and touch because they have never been heard

y, and gifts have been coming in from different sources. Our loss was but thanks to many who were so and thoughtful, we have something rt with again.

n June 3 all the Lutherans of Vanport was able to contact met at Concordia emy. We first joined in a prayer of s for our deliverance. The voters lly declared the congregation dis-d, and what little business remaining ttended to. The rest of the evening sed for discussing our common prob-

The following Sunday we met once at Concordia for a final service and Communion. Almost every member present. My sermon text was Isaiah 46:3-4, with special reference to the words: "I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry and will deliver you."

Work at Vanport, then, has come to an end. However, we are still spending a good deal of time keeping track of our people, who have scattered over Portland and environs. Some are as far removed as Minnesota and Indiana. Our concern now is to help these former Vanport families find our churches. Many of the people are far from settled and are moving from place to place. I am living with my family at the Academy for the summer months, with slight prospect of finding anything to rent in my other mission field in southwest Portland.

orking for Wheat Ridge

ARL A. GIESELER, Valparaiso, Ind.

Wheat Ridge!" A name to conjure This little hamlet between mile- Denver and foothill Golden may nknown to millions of people in our try. And yet its name means a great to hundreds of thousands of Lutheran ricans throughout the length and breadth of our land. It is one of the best advertised towns of which they have knowledge. The advertising has been done through little squares of paper, the well-known Wheat Ridge Christmas seals.

. J. Friedrich

Through the distribution of these seals the members of our Lutheran Church, under the direction of the Walther League, have providing annually the necessary ort of the only tuberculosis sanato- within our church body: The Lu- an Sanatorium at Wheat Ridge, Colo. n we speak of "workers for Wheat e," we must give these little stamps place.

ut behind the Wheat Ridge Christmas there are arrayed a great number of r workers, through whose efforts the ual seals campaigns have been success- nd through whose wise administration proceeds of the campaigns are being to do the most good. We think of business administration of the Walther gue in the Youth Building in Chicago, h directs these campaigns, and we k the executive secretaries of the gue, who, wherever they go, and what- meetings, rallies, and conventions attend, speak for the Wheat Ridge torium. We must mention the district managers, the chairmen of the seals ibution in our congregation, and, ly, our people, young and old, for m Christmas would not be complete out using Wheat Ridge Christmas s.

he campaign of last Christmas has since been closed, and the reports been published. The entire Sana- um family is grateful for this continued rest in the spiritual and physical wel- of its patients.

n order to "stretch" the usefulness of gifts of our people for Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge Foundation has been blished. A board consisting of members of the Walther League Executive Board, of the Sanatorium Committee, and of other prominent members of our Synod allocates and administers all Wheat Ridge seal proceeds. Some of the money is given to pastors who work in tuberculosis sanatoria to help defray some of the incidental expenses connected with their mission. Another part of the Foundation Fund is diverted to the Medical Social Service, which has been undertaken a few years ago. Specially trained workers are being placed in our Lutheran centers to give advice and assistance to individuals and families suffering from tuberculosis.

The greatest part of the seals funds is necessarily used for the Wheat Ridge Sanatorium, where about sixty workers, doctors, nurses, and other help labor under Dr. H. M. Vanderschouw, Medical Director, and Dr. Lorenz W. Frank, Consulting Medical Director, under Mr. Martin Meier, Business Manager, and under Miss Gertrude Felten, Head Nurse.

At the top of all these "Workers for Wheat Ridge" there stands the man who is Director of the Wheat Ridge Foundation, the Supervisor of the Medical Social Service, and the Superintendent and Chaplain of the Wheat Ridge Sanatorium: The Rev. E. J. Friedrich, D. D.

Dr. Friedrich brought to his present position the fruits of a varied experience in the work of the Kingdom. He was engaged in constructive pastoral labors during eighteen years of ministerial life in St. Charles, Mo., Coyner's Congregation in Virginia, and in Cleveland, Ohio. For almost ten years he was professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where his work in Homiletics was outstanding. Our Synod and the Walther League owe much to his rugged common sense and his judicial and fair judgment. "He is known throughout the Church for his sanity of judgment, his excellent sermons, and his warm kindness" (*Walther League Messenger*, January, 1940). This the patients and workers at Wheat Ridge know from experience.

Worship in the Wheat Ridge Chapel

In addition to his labors at Wheat Ridge and in the Walther League, Dr. Friedrich has been willing to assume the manifold duties of the presidency of the Colorado District of our Synod. Here, too, he can put to use his deep learning and his practical administrative ability. Many pastors and congregations have sought his advice in their trials and problems. He has ably represented the interests of the District in the councils of the Church.

And we all have been happy to be "Workers for Wheat Ridge" under his leadership, from the Medical Director down to the humble but mighty Christmas seal.

Visit to Berlin

Since the indications were not so promising for improved relations between the Western powers and Russia, with possibility of road blocks, our Missouri Synod delegation proceeded from Frankfurt to Berlin by plane, a trip of about two hours. We were still under military escort and flew in an Army plane, landing us at the immense *Tempelhofer Feld.*

Of the destruction of the German capital others have written, and I shall not dwell on this subject except to say that the population still moves in the streets, now clear of rubble, somewhat in a daze, and for a city of still three million (reduced from 4½ million) there is amazingly little traffic in the streets. It is now three years since the collapse.

Our concern was with the military authorities, with the State Church authorities, and with our brethren of the Free Churches. Our respect was first paid to the office of General Clay, where we were made welcome by General Gailey. We were escorted by Chaplain John Gaertner of Muenchen, who was placed by the Chief of Chaplains Maddox in charge of our mission, and by Chaplain R. L. Kasper, who is Chaplain of the Branch Headquarters of the Berlin Military Post.

For 10:00 we had an appointment with Bishop Dibelius of the Berlin-Brandenburg area, whom some of us had met in St. Louis during his American tour. The Bishop is housed in a residence formerly occupied by a high Nazi official (Polizei Chef Daluege), one of the greatest monsters of Nazism, since executed for his crimes. We had a long and enlightening discussion on religious affairs. Dibelius says he has 1,200 ministers in his diocese, of which only 15 are Reformed, the rest Lutheran. He declared that there is a growing confessional consciousness and that in spite of great difficulties the Lutheran churches of the Russian sector of Germany are maintaining their work. Not only are the farmers in actual slavery, delivering almost the entire product of their fields to the Russians, but on every farm at least two refugee families have been quartered, whose state is even more miserable. Most pitiful is the state of Polish Lutheran refugees, who cannot be served because the pastors do not understand their language.

Religious instruction has been removed from the public schools and is permitted only before or after school hours. The order has been issued that children must first go home from school before returning for religious instruction; quite impossible when they live one or one and a half hours away from school, as many do. These areas need catechisms very badly.

The hour spent in Dibelius' office will remain as a high spot of our European experience.

In the afternoon we visited President Petersen at his home. He had just recovered from a severe case of pneumonia, but seemed in excellent health and spirits. Eight clergymen from the Free Churches were guests at his home to meet our group. Also President Petersen declared that there has been since 1945 an increase in religious interest. Except for the repressive measures regarding the schools, the Russians do not interfere with the work of the Church, and there are tokens that the churches are beginning to learn their duty to teach religion. Week-day instruction in the churches has been introduced, but the scattered families are a difficulty. Also in the Sunday schools, a new institution here, there is a good attendance of outsiders; many are being won. In Berlin, religious instruction is given before or after school hours. The meeting with these brethren of the Free Church will be unforgettable.

A fourth visit was paid to the office of Religious Affairs, housed in a great complex of buildings from which the American sector is being governed. We were received by Dr. C. Arild Olsen, a Lutheran, who is Chief of Religious Affairs, by Dr. John O. Riedl, who is in charge of publications and who showed us copies of thousands of religious books printed by the Germans of this area during the past two years; Dr. Sterling Brown of Interfaith Relations, who discussed the difficult Jewish problem (there are still 12,000 Jews left of 4 million before 1940); and Mr. Theodore Johnson, who administers Cultural Affairs. Conversations were very free and permitted an intimate glimpse of the difficulties faced by those who are endeavoring to bring Germany back upon its feet.

From all that was heard in the military headquarters and in the office of the Lutheran churches in this area, one fact stood out in uncompromising clearness — the absolute need of a long period of occupation by the American Army if Germany is not to fall into utter chaos and become the victim of a Bolshevism continually threatening to break the dam which prevents the conquest of Europe to the shores of the Atlantic.

Much might be written about the visit of the *Ev.-Luth. Kinderheim* supported by Missouri Synod funds and housing some 35 orphans, with the expectancy of many more. Mr. Franz Natebus is in charge of the *Hilfswerk of the Ev.-Luth. Freikirche* here.

During our stay of two days we were housed at the Harnack Haus, a fine establishment, reserved for guests of the American Army.

Since the bridge crossing the Elbe had been closed for traffic, we did not return to Frankfurt by the automobile which was at our disposal, but left by air.

Two news items which greeted us on arrival were of interest. The German press reported the presence in Berlin of Lana Turner and of five American theologians; and the Russians had discontinued serving the other parts of Berlin with coal and food and with electricity. The situation is now tense to the breaking point.

Stuttgart, Germany, June 25 G.

From a European Notebook

So this is Paris, after 42 years, and city has not changed. One grows war superlatives, but if anyone would ca the most beautiful city in the world, are not going to quarrel. Of cities of size the statement no doubt is true. We walked up the stairs in the towe Notre Dame, as we did 42 years which is a credit to our *wind. chimères,* gargoyles, and monsters are overlooking the Babel on the Seine, s have weathered badly, and others been renewed. . . . The delegation agreed that the beautiful logic of French mind as expressed in the langu finds a reflection in the Métro, the un ground railway system of Paris, almost fifty years old but still a pe means of transportation. If you know or six French words, you can make transfers without error and reach e part of the city. You cannot go wr . . . Discovered at the modest hote which we stayed the smallest elev ever built, the size of a small telep booth, room for two persons without gage. . . . We note the announcemer a concert in Notre Dame Cathedral by organist Lionée St. Martin, with last n ber a Bach toccata. . . . By combina of lucky coincidences we got inside Musée Cluny, closed to the public, its unrivaled treasures of Roman early medieval times. . . . They were placing the 13th century glass in the S Chapelle, the oldest Gothic structur France, where the Gothic style was vented, and one of the most beautiful More superlatives, but if you dislike t you must stay away from Paris. . . the Palais de Justice, we note a marble memorial to the lawyers who in the war, a lawyer in the official worn at French trials is kneeling b a figure representing Patriotism, pla a soldier's helmet upon his head, wh closes its eyes and throws back its hea agony. . . . No car of a vintage than 1925 is seen on the streets except, rarely, the automobile of some Amer tourist or a military jeep. . . . All n and most women wear shabby clot but life is flowing at a rapid pace. T is no butter, no coffee, little sugar, little fresh vegetables, but contrary to pectations the rates are low and livi cheap. . . . An overnight trip takes t Frankfurt, where we met our mil escort Chaplain John Gaertner of Mu placed at the disposal of our group Chaplain Maddox, in charge of the Am can Zone. Without such escort it is t impossible to travel in Germany u you go under JEIA, available to busin men if they wish to pay $20 a nigh a room that cost us $1.50 and $4.00 f meal that costs us 60 cents. This i country for tourists and may not be years to come. . . . As for the destru scenes at Frankfurt, Berlin, Stutt Wiesbaden, Darmstadt, Ulm, Augsb and Munich, we can only repeat the heard refrain — *it cannot be descr* At Augsburg we saw the Fugger h in which the Diet was held when Augsburg Confession was read, compl gutted, with only the front wall stan Those cities which we visited, how give absolute evidence of the effort American and British bombers to s buildings of historical or cultural v We were told that this does not hold

rnberg, where the famous old medi- uarter was completely wrecked. . . . xplanation is offered that since most buildings were destroyed by air re, the great cathedrals withstood ncussions because of the perfect ering skill of the medieval builders. If there is in all this wide world e beautiful front than that of the ral at Ulm (begun 1377), we would have it shown to us. The tower s the height of 528 feet, from street hest visible finial in its splendor of and ornament, since the bombers l to the ground buildings of seven t surrounding squares. This is from nation days a Lutheran church. . . . Stuttgart Bibelanstalt has preserved h the bombings the type of its 89 nt Bibles. On the occasion of our plainly dressed man came in, and of 0 marks available for this month own DM 3.80 for a Bible. He said: not wait any longer." . . . At Fried- Hessen, Pastor Stroh of the large val church, Lutheran since the nation, guided us through the edi- which was begun in 1223 A.D. On alls are shown the grave plates of cclesiastics buried in the church. of these dignitaries had caused y inscriptions as a memorial to lives and services to be carved into one plates. But there was one that ted our attention through its ab- of all lettering. Carved upon it was large cross, ornamented with a few cusps and underneath a small shield the letter P, standing for *pax* — "At ot of the cross I have found peace" he message thus come to us from deep in the Middle Ages, from one om nothing else mattered. G.

fornia and Nevada rict Convention

eeting in the chapel of the newly ated administration building at ornia Concordia College in Oak- Calif., June 21—24, the delegates e California and Nevada District nbled in convention were led to the second century of our Church ork with the encouraging words of Rev. Carl Fickenscher, President, is opening address, "Putting first gs first, letting the Word rule all activities, and assigning whatever we do in our church work a ndary place and making it support Word, is bound to have the Lord's sing."

hat this Word, upon the conse- d activity of the pastors and le with the Spirit's blessing, is omplishing that which He pleases," evident throughout all the con- ion deliberations and especially the reports of the Missions Com- ee, as well as the Parish Education mittee. Substantial gains in the municant membership of the mis- sion parishes were noted for the past biennium, as six new parishes were established and twelve new workers were added to the staff. Also two new parochial schools were opened, while still others increased their teaching staff.

While some of this growth and expansion is due to the tremendous increase in population in the metropolitan areas of the West, it is principally due to meeting under God's grace and direction the mission challenge of this area.

Added to the mission program of the District was that of Negro work, as the convention voted to make the present tentative supervision of this work permanent. Two Negro groups are now found in the District, an organized congregation in Oakland and a mission parish in San Francisco.

After eighteen years of faithful service to the District as Secretary of Missions (45 years in the California ministry), the Rev. August Hansen retired from this position, and the Board of Directors was instructed to take immediate steps to call a mission field worker. The convention also acknowledged with gratitude the self-sacrificing work of Mr. W. G. Bente, who for twenty-seven years served as District Treasurer, and of Mr. A. H. Sagehorn, who for nine years served as Financial Secretary.

Because of the tremendous mission possibilities in the District, especially in the establishment of new stations, the congregations were urged through their delegates to increase the net worth of the Church Extension Fund to more than $100,000, so that the necessary tools in chapels and schools could be supplied to the new and growing parishes.

The physical needs of California Concordia College, especially in the matter of supplying much-needed equipment for the new classroom-administration building, were given attention by resolutions to underwrite a loan for this purpose, as well as the concerted appeal to the District constituents for more gifts to meet this need. It was the common conviction of the delegates that the "new Concordia" is destined to play an ever greater role in the cause of Christian education on the secondary level on the Pacific Coast.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the next triennium were the following: the Rev. Carl Fickenscher, President; the Rev. Frank Haedicke, First Vice-President; the Rev. John Marozik, Second Vice-President; the Rev. R. Jagels, Recording Secretary; Mr. Edward Schinnerer, Financial Secretary; Mr. Carl Ulrich, Treasurer; the Rev. A. Haake, the Rev. W. Schlueter, Mr. O. Holtzen, Mission and Church Extension Committee; the Rev. F. Jacobsen, Mr. A. Wittmer, Mr. N. Lane, Parish Education Committee; the Rev. O. Reinboth, Mr. K. Steinbeck, Mr. J. Pfotenhauer, Finance and Stewardship Committee.

The Rev. W. F. Lichtsinn, synodical Vice-President, preached the opening sermon and brought before the convention the needs of the church at large. Dr. Theodore Hoyer of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., the essayist, spoke on "Christianity from the Beginning of the Christian Era to the Rise of the Papacy."

ORTWIN R. JANKE

Ontario District Convention, June 8 to 10

The Ontario District met in convention in St. John's Church, Seebach's Hill, Ontario. In the opening service the local pastor, the Rev. Albert Pollex, served as liturgist, and the venerable Third Vice-President of Synod, the Rev. F. A. Hertwig of Detroit, preached the sermon.

Of the many items of business two were most memorable. The first of these was the retirement from office of the esteemed President, the Rev. F. Malinsky. President Malinsky has held office for twenty-seven years, a record in Synod. In appreciation of his long and faithful service the convention elected him Honorary President. The other item was the complete reorganization of the District's supervising bodies. Hereafter the affairs of the District will be guided by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and one elected member from each of four distinct departments. These four departments shall be: Missions and Church Extension; Stewardship and Publicity; Finance, Pensions, and Support; and Parish Education and Youth Work. The two Vice-Presidents of the District will be advisory members of this Board. The field work will be done by the Field Executive. Thus the work of all departments is integrated and can be more effectively accomplished.

Those elected to these offices are: President, Rev. W. Rathke; First Vice-President, Rev. C. Neuhaus; Second Vice-President, Rev. M. Michael; Secretary, Rev. C. Killinger; Treasurer, Mr. W. Schmalz; Financial Secretary, Mr. J. Wagner; Field Executive, Rev. H. H. Erdman; Missions, Rev. C. Wetzstein; Stewardship, Mr. H. Boehmer; Finances, Mr. J. Wagner; Parish Education, Rev. R. H. Witt. Two of the circuits that had previously been amalgamated were again divided. There are now five circuits, with the following acting as Visitors: Northern, Rev. T. Luft; Central, Rev. A. Eissfeldt; Western, Rev. A. Pollex; Eastern, Rev. G. Raedeke; Lake Erie, Rev. J. Schutt.

Several new missions have been

established in recent years, and others have been taken over from the Michigan District. These latter were stations in Ontario close to the American Border at Detroit and served from Windsor, Ontario. The District now has nine men serving in the capacity of missionaries.

Dr. Carl Mundinger, president of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., read the convention essay on "The Priesthood of All Believers." He pointed out how this doctrine, under God, has so helped our Synod in its growth and the attainment of its present healthy condition as to merit our constant vigilant study.

Throughout the convention one theme held sway: Christ, the Lord, was extolled and His Word commended to the hearers.

RAYMOND H. WITT

Southeastern District Convention

The work of the Lord is going forward in this District. This is shown by the figures presented by President O. A. Sauer to the convention of the District which was held in Christ Church, Washington, D. C., June 15 to 17. In his opening address he called attention to the fact that nine years ago when the District was organized we had sixty-one parishes, today we have seventy-two; then we had thirteen advisory pastors, now we have twenty-nine; then we had two regular parochial school teachers, now we have eleven. While its territory covers a large stretch of land, from Wilmington, Del., to Savannah, Ga., it is not very populous. The District has many small congregations and missions. It is a missionary District in a very old colonial part of the country. During the year there was an increase of 460 communicant members. The adult accessions were high, 482. The total communicant membership is 15,625, four pastors not reporting.

As the future expansion in this territory is dependent to a large extent on a greater Church Extension Fund, it was resolved to have a special collection for it next year, when we celebrate the tenth anniversary. The legacy of Mr. Geo. J. Witman, amounting to $2,727.79, was put into this fund. The Trailer Mission which was carried on in Virginia and North Carolina was found to be worth while. The services were well received. Unfortunately it was impossible to follow up because of the lack of manpower. One of the tangible results was the establishing of a mission station in North Wilkesboro, N. C. In a section of Richmond a Sunday school was organized, which is now a mission with a pastor. One congregation became self-supporting.

Parish schools came in for a profitable discussion. The increase in interest in parish schools is phenomenal. We now have eight parish schools and more in the offing. The District set as its goal: fifty per cent of its children in the parochial schools in the next twenty-five years, as advocated by the Centennial Convention. Synod's present percentage is 27.8; ours is far below that. Young people's work also came in for much discussion and action. Summer camps were approved as providing clean, wholesome fellowship and entertainment and promoting growth in the knowledge of God's Word. The two camps within the confines of the Districts, Linn Haven and Conoy, were recommended. Congregations were urged to give their support to the Lutheran Service Volunteer School for Leadership in our Churches at Camp Conoy even to the extent of giving financial aid to young people to make their attendance possible. It was resolved to urge upon our Board for Higher Education to arrange for more training in leadership in our colleges and seminaries. A director of adult education is to be appointed, who is to work under the Board of Christian Education. In this connection it was urged that Bible study be integrated in every organization of our congregations. Chaplain Poch, who was present and delivered the memorial address for former chaplain Pastor Paul Roetling, U. S. A., stated that at the present time there are eleven hundred chaplains on duty, thirty-seven belonging to our Synod. Since the draft law is to go into effect, several hundred more will be needed. He urged our younger men to join the Chaplains' Reserves.

The race question, which in this part of the country is a highly controversial subject, was discussed in a fine Christian spirit. It was resolved in accordance with the resolution of the Synodical Conference to take over the supervision, direction, and expansion of work among Negroes through the Mission and Church Extension Board, which work is to be financed by funds provided by the Synodical Conference plus such aid as the District may see fit to provide. Pastors working among Negroes within the geographical borders of the Southeastern District are to be invited to become advisory members of the District.

Pastor Eldor Cassens read an essay on the topic: "The Christian as a Worker in God's Kingdom." Dr. Arthur Brunn, Second Vice-President of Synod, represented Dr. Behnken. Dr. O. H. Schmidt spoke on Foreign Missions. The newly elected officers are the Rev. R. S. Ressmeyer, President; the Rev. O. A. Sauer, Vice-President; the Rev. Fred Freed, Second Vice-President; the Rev. E. C. Rakow, Secretary; Mr. Arthur H. Hermann, Treasurer. J. FREDERIC WENCHEL

Gaylord, Mich., Congregati Dedicates Chapel

Pentecost Sunday was a red-day in the history of Trinity Lut Congregation at Gaylord, Mich. on this day that the congregatio privileged to dedicate its new chapel.

The building is twenty-six feet by sixty feet long, and its inter finished in knotty pine. It is c lated to seat comfortably abou people.

Although rustic in appearanc chapel is nevertheless quite up t in plan and equipment. There is basement. Heat is furnished by furnace. There is modern plum and the kitchen is equipped with range and hot-water heater. In

Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord, M

of the rigors of the climate, the s ture is also well insulated. The c construction was in the neighbo of ten thousand dollars.

The external architecture o church harmonizes with the adj parsonage, which is also a log bui

Trinity Lutheran is a young co gation. It was organized at the b ning of March, 1946, and now nur some sixty communicant member

E. W. SCHE

Texas Pastors' Institute

During the last week in thirty-six pastors of the Texas trict gathered at Concordia in A for the sixth annual Pastors' Inst

Pastor Herbert Roepe of New leans lectured on "The Pastor's istry." He discussed the pastor's istry to the fallen, to the erring, t weak, and to organizations. Dr. Mueller of St. Louis discussed Office of the Keys." Professor M Franzmann, also from Concordia Louis, lectured on the much-disc second chapter of James' Epistle.

Chaplains for the Institute Pastors Henry Burandt, Wald Meyer, and Oscar Horn, all fro Dallas-Fort Worth area.

e Texas District, considering day institutes to be of ines- e value, carries an annual sub- n its budget to defray a large f the cost of these refresher s for the pastors of the District. stin, Tex. GEORGE J. BETO

tters from Readers

v that the season of cross-country g is again in full swing, a reminder ot be amiss to make such trips more ble by looking up historical relics minders, also churchly ones. When the latter, one is sometimes sad- by seeing that an old congregation urch has passed away, or the mem- p has dwindled down. Thus the visited Johnsburg, Somerset County, here the Rev. J. A. F. W. Mueller, rst graduate of the log-cabin sem- in Missouri, had labored for a while. he church is closed; the few mem- emaining there go to church in a oring town.

t frequently the opposite is true. summer, after having looked once at the old State house of Indiana at on, the first capital of the State, we ed a few miles off the highway at ville to look again at St. John's h, where the writer had officiated at ssion festival about thirty years . What we saw made our hearts od. The church and parsonage were me condition, also the grounds, and ool and teacher had been added. me just at recess. We inspected the of the church and were told by the that the average attendance at es was 340, of a communicant mem- p list of about the same size. er such experiences one drives on cheerfully and contented.

ndermere, Fla. C. W. G. EIFRIG

Obituary

t obituaries and death notices should be o Prof. W. G. Polack, R. 1, Ray, Ind.

e Rev. A. C. Burgdorf (d. April 12, In His love and wisdom the Lord alled to his eternal rest the Rev. Ar- C. Burgdorf of Elim Church, Ramona St. Louis County, Mo. He had gone e farm of his brother-in-law in Hia- a, Kans., for a brief rest after the Lenten and Easter season. On Satur- afternoon his brother-in-law wished monstrate for him a new piece of machinery. The departed was asked t on the tractor and to step on the erator. As he complied, a piece of broke off, flew back, and hit him ely on the jaw. The blow crushed aw and knocked him unconscious. was rushed to the hospital in St. h, Mo., where he died on Monday ing, April 12, without regaining con- sness.

e was born on July 4, 1909, at St. , Mo. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burgdorf. After his confirmation at Grace Church, St. Louis, he entered St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., to prepare for the holy ministry. In 1932 he was graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In November of 1933 he accepted his first call to the Lutheran congregation at Jedburg, Mo. In November of 1936 he was called to the Lutheran Church at West Plains, Mo., which he served until November of 1940, when he took charge of Elim Church, Ramona Park. For the past several years he also taught the parish school.

He was united in holy marriage on June 6, 1934, with Ethel, nee Kowert. The Lord blessed this union with five sons, two of whom preceded their father in death. He leaves to mourn his departure his beloved wife, three sons, his parents, and a sister.

The Rev. Paul W. Streufert, Visitor of the North St. Louis Circuit and Secretary of the Mission Board of the Western District, preached the funeral sermon on the basis of Phil. 3:17, 20, 21. The Rev. Martin Schaefer, Director of Missions, served as liturgist and was in charge of the committal service at New Bethlehem Cemetery in St. Louis. More than 50 fellow pastors attended the funeral in a group.

L. C. NIEMOELLER

The Rev. John Dreyer (died June 4, 1948), born Feb. 8, 1899, near Willow City, N. Dak., a son of Nikolaus Dreyer and his wife, Wilhelmina Klebe, received his training for the holy ministry at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1924.

His first charge was Trinity, Haultain, Sask., Can., where he was ordained and installed in August, 1924. He served Zion, Langenburg, Sask., from 1927 to 1931; from 1931 to 1943 the parish consisting of St. Peter's, Devils Lake, St. Paul's, Penn, Hope, Southam, and Derrick, all of North Dakota. In November, 1943, he was installed at Immanuel, Wahpeton, N. Dak., serving there until his death.

During his ministry he was active in the service of the church at large. In Canada he was Visitor for a number of years and a member of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba District School Board. In the North Dakota and Montana District he served as Visitor of the Red River Valley Conference, Secretary to the District, and was one of the directors of the Mission Board and Church Extension Board. In 1945 he was elected First Vice-President of the North Dakota District.

He departed this life on June 4, 1948, after an illness of only a month, at the age of 49 years, 3 months, and 23 days.

He is survived by Mrs. Dreyer, the former Olga Lundberg, whom he married at Cando, N. Dak., on June 16, 1924; five children (one child preceding him in death); his mother; seven brothers; and three sisters.

Memorial services were held for the departed at the close of the convention of the North Dakota District at Hankinson, N. Dak., on June 4, the day of his death. The Rev. W. Cordts, who succeeded him as First Vice-President of the District, delivered the address.

Funeral services were held at Immanuel Church, Wahpeton, on June 7. The sermon, on Luke 10:17-20, was delivered by the Rev. A. H. Grumm, President of the District. The Revs. W. Cordts and G. Grabarkewitz expressed the sympathy of the North Dakota and the Minnesota Districts, and the Rev. F. A. Rubbert was liturgist.

Funeral services were also held at St. Paul's Church, Penn, N. Dak. The Rev. B. G. Mueller, who served with the deceased on the Board of Home Missions, preached the sermon on Luke 12:37, 43, 44, and the Rev. W. Rengstorf acted as liturgist. The body was laid to rest at Cando, N. Dak., the undersigned reading the committal service. F. A. RUBBERT

The Rev. Charles J. Krahnke (d. July 5, 1947), born Jan. 1, 1883, at Beloit, Wis., received his ministerial training at Concordia College, Milwaukee, and Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., from which institution he was graduated in 1906.

His first charge was Kings Mills and St. Claire, Mich. Thereafter he served as City Missionary at Detroit and was instrumental in organizing Epiphany Congregation, the Detroit City Walther League, the Lutheran Ladies Mission Society, and the Detroit Bach Chorus. Being interested in helping the unfortunate, he went to the State Penitentiary in Bellefontaine, Pa., to serve as chaplain and recreational director. Following his work in Pennsylvania, he returned to Detroit to serve as Probation Officer in the city of Detroit. During this time many congregations had the benefit of his services. In 1926 he accepted a call as assistant pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandotte, Mich., and in 1927 was asked to take complete charge of the congregation.

During his pastorate Trinity Congregation grew numerically, and the Christian day school was increased from a two to a four room school.

During his forty-one years in the ministry he gave unstintingly of his talents to the church at large. He served as Visitor, chairman of the Church Extension Board of the Michigan District, president of the Detroit Lutheran Center Association, and twenty years as chairman of the South and East Michigan Pastoral Conference.

Death came to take Christ's servant home on July 5, 1947, as the result of a heart attack. The memorial service took place at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandotte, Mich., July 8.

He leaves his wife, one brother, and eight children.

The Rev. F. A. Hertwig, Third Vice-President of Synod, preached the memorial sermon, basing his remarks on 2 Tim. 2:14 ff. The undersigned served as liturgist, and the Rev. H. F. Hensick officiated at the grave. Interment was at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Cemetery.

WALTER A. PIEPER

Mr. G. Adolph Schwan (d. May 25, 1948), a former schoolteacher, was buried from Bethany Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., on May 28. He had been a member of Bethany Church for almost forty years. He was born in Cumberland, Md., July 5, 1851. Before coming to Detroit, he had served as a teacher in the Christian day school at York, Pa., for 30 years.

He leaves his wife, Mary, three sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Schwan's oldest son, Emil, is pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

O. G. L. RIESS

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained:

Bauerkemper, Elton, in Immanuel Church, Houston, Tex., by Elmo E. Miertschin, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Ressmeyer, Rudolph P. F., in Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Md., by Rudolph S. Ressmeyer, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Hauptman, August L., as missionary for the deaf in Montana and Spokane, Wash., in Trinity Church, Great Falls, Mont., by E. T. Leckband, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Ordained and Installed:

Schinnerer, Carl F., Jr., in Resurrection Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by Charl Schinnerer, Sr., and as associate pastor in St. Thomas and St. Peter's Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by H. J. Riethmeier, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

PASTORS

Commissioned:

Danker, William J., in Trinity Church, West Chicago, Ill., as missionary to Japan by O. H. Schmidt, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Grunow, William P., in Trinity Congregation, Geraldine, Mont., as missionary in Montana by E. T. Leckband, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Installed:

Behrens, Donald W., in Immanuel Congregation, Natoma, Kans., by H. C. Lubeck, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Beversdorf, A. J., in St. Paul's Congregation, Grafton, Wis., by Dr. J. D. Schroeder, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Brose, Lambert, in Mt. Olive Congregation, Duluth, Minn., by T. A. Raedeke, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Cloeter, Richard, in Immanuel Congregation, Charter Oak, Iowa, by W. Schroeder, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Danielsen, Ralph, in Immanuel Congregation, Reeseville, Wis., by Theodore E. Kissling, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Duchow, Martin C., in Bethany Congregation, West Hartford, Conn., by Geo. J. Meyer, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Fleischer, E. J., in Messiah Congregation, Buena Park, Calif., by W. C. Gesch, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Georg, Howard, as associate pastor in Trinity Congregation, Fort Wayne, Ind., by H. E. Levihn, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Herfurth, L., in Zion Congregation, Niagara Falls, N. Y., by G. F. Hoyer, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Hofmann, E. L., in St. John's Congregation, Aliceville, Kans., by Walter W. Stoeppelwerth, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Jagels, O. C., in Immanuel Congregation, Campbell Hill, Ill., by W. J. Hoffmann, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Johannes, Walter C., in Zion Congregation, McHenry, Ill., by Otto F. Arndt, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Kleber, C. E., in St. Paul's Congregation, Concord, Nebr., by Oscar C. Decker, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Koenig, George C., in Trinity Congregation, Hawthorne, N. Y., by A. F. von Schlichten, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Landgraf, Walter H., in St. Peter's Congregation, Wymore, Nebr., by Armin C. Gottberg, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Licht, Ed. W., in Trinity Congregation, Girard, Kans., by R. F. H. Pralle, Rem. Sun., Feb. 22.

Meyer, Karl, in Lutheran Village Church, La Due, Mo., by Martin C. Schaefer, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Miller, Frederick L., in St. John's Congregation, Adrian, Mich., by E. F. Manske, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Nau, John F., in Messiah Congregation, Columbia, S. C., and in Holy Trinity Congregation, West Columbia, S. C., by H. Nau, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Rimpler, Elmer, in St. John's Congregation, Minnesota Lake, Minn., by Carl J. Gundermann, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Schlecht, Richard L., in Grace Congregation, Fairbury, Nebr., by O. R. Heinitz, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Strelow, E. M., in Zion Congregation, Humboldt, Iowa, by L. Wittenburg, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Sudars, Alfred, in Zion Congregation (Latvian), Chicago, Ill., by W. Gahl, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Wenzel, Martin, in St. Paul's Congregation, Willow City, and in St. Paul's Congregation, Rugby, N. Dak., by Norman E. Brauer, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

TEACHERS

Bloedel, Elfred P., in Nazareth Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by Arnold T. Wangerin, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Christian, Walter H., in Trinity Congregation, West Chicago, Ill., by W. J. Danker, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Einspahr, Herbert, in St. Paul's Congregation, Freeman, S. Dak., by Paul H. Brill, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Firnhaber, Cand. Stuart, in St. Paul's Congregation, Perham, Minn., by Aug. E. Agather, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Jackisch, Fred, in Emmaus Congregation, Fort Wayne, Ind., by F. Wambsganss, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Koch, Walter J., in Trinity Congregation, Danville, Ill., by Pres. Albert C. Bernthal, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Koester, A. C., in Emanuel Congregation, Tipton, Ind., by O. R. Schlegelmilch, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 6.

Leimer, Paul E., in Immanuel Congregation, Palatine, Ill., by W. C. Koester, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Leuthauser, Truman, in Holy Cross Congregation, Saginaw, Mich., by A. W. Born, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Nitschke, Frederic, in Trinity Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn., by A. G. Fehner, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Peitsch, Edwin B., in Redeemer Congregation, Saginaw, Mich., by Lawson F. Knight, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Pohl, M. S., in Bethlehem Congregation, Kennewick, Wash., by M. C. Kauth, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 6.

China Missions

Commissioned:

Lenschow, Norma, as nurse and missionary worker for the China Missions, in St. John's Church, Burlington, Ill., by O. H. Schmidt, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Cornerstone Laying

Balboa, Canal Zone. Redeemer Congregation (G. M. Leverenz) for a new church, 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Baltimore, Md. Pilgrim Congregation (H. Gordon Coiner) for a new chapel and school, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Bertrand, Nebr. St. Paul's Congregation (M. Matuschka) for a new church, 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Brown Deer, Wis. St. Paul's Congregation (Richard Haendschke) for a new church, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Chicago, Ill. Our Savior Congregation (T. W. Strieter) for a new church, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Chili, Wis. Christ Congregation (Wm. A. Lauterbach) for the enlarged and remodeled church, 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Decatur, Ind. (Friedheim). Zion Congregation (E. T. Schmidtke) for a new school. 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

New Salem, N. Dak. Zion Congregation (H. F. Bruss) for a new church, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Ogallala, Nebr. St. John's Congregation (G. H. Boehnke) for a new church, 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Sherburn, Minn. St. John's Congregation (Gerhardt J. C. Gerike) for a new church, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Thomasboro, Ill. Peace Congregation (H. C. Lehenbauer) for a new church. 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Truman, Minn. St. Paul's Congregation (E. T. Heyne) for a new church, 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Dedications

Austin, Tex. The new church and school building of St. John's Congregation (T. W. Schubkegel), 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 6.

Baltimore, Md. The modernized pipe organ of St. Thomas Congregation (Geo. F. Horn), 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Blackwell, Okla. The new pipe organ of Trinity Congregation (Martin Porath), 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Bremerton, Wash. The enlarged and renovated church and the new pipe organ of Memorial Congregation (E. R. Schramm), 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Chicago, Ill. The new church and parish of Bethany Congregation (Paul J. R... 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Dubuque, Iowa. The renovated church Paul's Congregation (F. E. Schultz), ... p. Tr., June 6.

Ebenezer, N. Y. The new parsonage of ... Congregation (P. Trumpoldt), 5. Sun. ... June 27.

Emporium, Pa. The new church of St. ... Congregation (M. Pingel), 2. Sun. ... June 6.

Fairview, Kans. The new organ of St. ... Congregation (L. W. Polley), Trinity ... May 23.

Fosston, Minn. The enlarged and rem... church of First English Congregation ... Janzow), 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Foster, Nebr. The new church of Trinit... gregation (E. Budde), 4. Sun. p. Tr., Ju...

Geneva, Ohio. The new organ of St. ... Congregation (M. Vogelsang), 4. Sun. ... June 20.

Hoxie, Kans. The new church of Imm... Congregation (Martin A. Pullmann), ... Sun., May 9.

Humphrey, Nebr. The new church of St. ... Congregation (L. M. Doctor), 1. Sun. ... May 30.

Lakeview, Mich. The new chapel of ... Congregation (W. W. Gnuse), Pentecost ... May 16.

Leslie, Mo. The Ebenezer Congregation ... Mahnken), 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 6.

Monango, N. Dak. The relocated and rem... church of St. Paul's Congregation ... Brauer), 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Oakland, Calif. The new parish hall of P... Congregation (Robert W. Schwern... Trinity Sun., May 23.

San Francisco, Calif. The new organ of ... Portal Congregation (A. H. Haake), 1... p. Tr., May 30.

Shellsburg, Iowa. The new and first chu... Zion Congregation (Edmund Frese), 3... p. Tr., June 13.

Terra Bella, Calif. The new school and ... hall of Zion Congregation (Paul E. Ja... 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 13.

Victor, Iowa. The new organ of St. ... Congregation (R. G. Juengel), 2. Sun. ... June 6.

Walnut Creek, Calif. The new parish h... Trinity Congregation (E. M. Passow), ... Sun., Feb. 22.

Anniversaries

Hastings, Iowa. St. John's Congregation ... Glahn) the 75th, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June ...

Iuka, Ill. Trinity Congregation (W. L. Sc... ter) the 75th of the organization of the ... gregation, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

St. Clair, Mich. Immanuel Congregation ... Siess) the 50th of the organization o... congregation, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.

Educational Institutions

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will ... for its one-hundred-eleventh academic ... with a divine service in the auditorium ... Sept. 15 at 10 A. M. Application for adm... should be made to Prof. Leonhard C. Wu... Office of the Dean, 801 De Mun Ave... Louis 5, Mo., not later than Aug. 15.

The entrance requirements are completi... junior college courses, including the stud... English, German, Latin, and Greek, wi... quality point of 1.00 or better. Applicants ... are not graduates of colleges affiliated ... Concordia Seminary must show ability to ... the entrance requirements through present ... of satisfactory transcripts or by entrance e... inations and enclose a brief autobiography ... gether with a letter from their pastor certi... their Christian character. Transcript credi... college work must average C or higher. ... applications must be accompanied with ... record of college credits and a certified me... certificate.

Students rates at present are $290 per ... num for lodging and board. Each stu... must give assurance that his board wil... paid promptly. In addition each studen... required to pay the following fees at the ... ginning of the academic year: registration ... guarantee $5, library $5, medical $1. Esse... books for first-year students will cost app... imately $27. — Louis J. Siecк, *President*, ... De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., ... open its 1948—1949 school year Sun... Sept. 12, 3:30 P. M. (C. S. T.). Dr. Paul Sc... member of Synod's Board of Directors, ... preach the sermon. He will address a ... audience in the college gymnasium, for ... Sunday opening is meeting with increa... acclaim.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts February 1, 1948, to June 30, 1948

Districts	Budget Accounts
lberta and Br. Columbia	$ 2,214.83
rgentina	62.00
tlantic	21,734.28
razil	——
alifornia and Nevada	4,970.25
entral	105,894.69
entral Illinois	30,384.89
olorado	4,326.86
astern	25,484.41
nglish	55,143.00
orida-Georgia	2,147.37
wa-East	13,500.00
wa-West	37,783.39
14. Kansas	14,000.00
15. Manitoba & Saskatchewan	1,058.10
16. Michigan	96,955.88
17. Minnesota	59,030.21
18. Montana	1,613.07
19. North Dakota	4,712.38
20. North Wisconsin	31,097.36
21. Northern Illinois	109,513.50
22. Northern Nebraska	13,631.35
23. Oklahoma	2,695.18
24. Ontario	8,126.28
25. Oregon and Washington	7,859.14
26. South Dakota	4,526.62
27. South Wisconsin	69,560.09
28. Southeastern	8,620.97
29. Southern	6,415.11
30. Southern California	5,741.75
31. Southern Illinois	19,633.99
32. Southern Nebraska	15,809.71
33. Texas	6,953.93
34. Western	81,335.60
Total from Districts	$872,536.19
From L. L. L. Endowment Fund	24,423.51
From Other Sources	4,983.19
GRAND TOTAL	$901,942.89

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Assistant Treasurer*

ask for early enrollment (not later than .5) of such as wish to enroll as high . Freshmen as well as of such as expect er advanced classes. The latter will send transcript of credits together with their ation. A catalog with all necessary in- tion on curriculum and fees and an ation blank with questionnaire may be ed from the office of the president. Stu- who have been conditionally promoted eport on the campus Saturday, Sept. 11, . M. Prospective students will feel free ite to LEROY C. RINCKER, *President*, Con- College, Milwaukee 8, Wis.

ncordia College and Lutheran High School, Wayne, Ind., begins with a chapel service 8 at 9:15 A. M. (C. D. S. T.). Dormitory nts should not arrive before Tuesday. ncordia offers not only the regular six- preministerial course, but also a standard school course with College Preparatory, ercial, and General curricula. new students should send in their appli- ns at the earliest possible date. Such as advanced standing in either the high l or the junior college must send an l transcript of their credits to the Regis- not later than one week before the opening e school year. ditional information is found in the school g, which will be mailed upon request. — RT G. BREDEMEIER, *President*, Concordia e, Fort Wayne 4, Ind.

ncordia Academy, Portland, Oreg., will its 44th academic year with a chapel e Sunday, Sept. 12, at 4:00 P. M., fol- l by a reception for new students and parents. Students who desire to enter Academy must submit a written applica- together with the recommendation of their r. For students enrolling in the Freshman application must be accompanied by final h-grade report cards. For entrance into of the advanced classes a transcript of ous high school work must be submitted. ncordia Academy is a preparatory school hose who have the ministry or teaching ssion in view, but is also ready to accept tian boys who do not intend to prepare rofessional service in the Church. d willing, the first unit of the new admin- ion building, Luther Hall, will be ready ccupancy at the beginning of the school This building, together with the new itory, Centennial Hall, will thus enable ordia to offer spacious, modern facilities s students for every phase of their school

e charges for the school year 1948—49 be $290 for ministerial and teacher- ing students and $380 for general-edu- n students. Special fees, payable upon tration, approximate $20. The *General rmation Bulletin* will be sent upon request. inquiries should be addressed to THOMAS ES, *President*, Concordia Academy, Port- , Oreg.

Synodical District Conventions

e *Iowa District West* of Synod will con- Aug. 15 to 20 in the Walther League Camp ake Okoboji, Iowa. Post Office: Milford, . The opening service is held Sunday at M. The essay, "Search the Scriptures," Rev. John T. Domsch. — GEO. A. W. L., *Secretary*.

e *Convention of the Colorado District* of d will be held Aug. 17—20 at Sterling, . (Trinity, Rev. B. Skov, pastor; and First ish, Rev. A. Obermeier, pastor). Essays: Importance of Holy Baptism in the Life e Christian," by Prof. Walter F. Wolbrecht; ult Education," by Rev. Walter A. Enge. Details in the Colorado District Edition of THE LUTHERAN WITNESS. — RAY H. BEINS, *Secretary*.

The Kansas District of Synod will meet Aug. 23—27 in St. John's College, Winfield, Kans. Opening service Aug. 23, 7:30 P. M. Dr. A. Brunn will preach the sermon. Essayist: Prof. Arthur C. Repp. Details will be published in the Kansas District Edition of the WITNESS. — M. L. HEERBOTH, *Assistant Secretary*.

Election Result

Prof. Paul M. Bretscher, Ph. D., of the Department of New Testament Exegesis at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., was elected to the Chair of Philosophy and related subjects at Concordia Seminary in a meeting of the Board of Electors on July 7. — JOHN OPPLIGER, *Secretary pro tem.*, BOARD OF CONTROL.

Announcements

Since *Pastor Frederick Weisenborn* of Scribner, Nebr., has successfully completed a colloquium conducted by Pastors W. C. Rehwaldt, O. C. Decker, and A. Ira Grimm, he has qualified himself for the ministry within our Missouri Synod and is herewith declared eligible for a call. — Signed: G. CHR. BARTH, D. D.; LOUIS J. SIECK, D. D.; and F. A. HERTWIG, *Chairman*.

Carl F. J. Wirsing, having been declared ineligible in 1940 and desiring re-instatement into the ministry of our Missouri Synod, is herewith declared eligible for a call. — J. H. MEYER, *President*, Central District.

Request

Anyone knowing of Synodical Conference Lutherans who have moved or will move into Richland, North Richland, Benton City, or any territory surrounding the Atomic Energy Works at Hanford, Wash., is kindly urged to send names and, if possible, addresses to REV. EDWARD H. IMME, Box 723, Richland, Wash.

Changes of Address

Pastors

Ahl, Kenneth L., 736 Jackson Pl., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.
Ahlemeyer, Chaplain Edward H., Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.
Allwardt, Henry A., R. 5, Marysville, Ohio
Baringer, C. W., Ikot Ibiok, Eket P. O., Nigeria, West Africa
Beyerlein, C. J., 211 W. Washington St., Caro, Mich.
Bicker, A. M., R. 2, New Haven, Ind.
Brose, Lambert, 414 N. 19th Ave. East, Duluth 5, Minn.
Danker, W. J., 306 N. Kensington Ave., La Grange, Ill.
Dierks, Hartwig, 4017 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City 1, Mo.
Ernst, Alfred H., Box 276, Readlyn, Iowa
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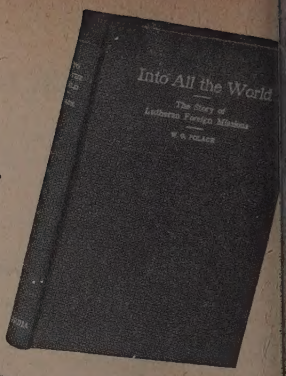

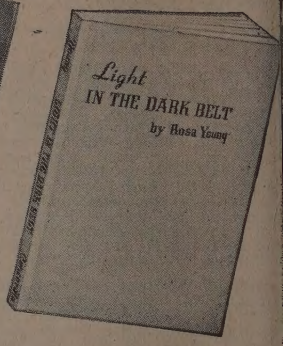

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